

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are is the case.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to improve readability and to place the application in a better format for examination.

No new matter is believed to have been added respecting the claims.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

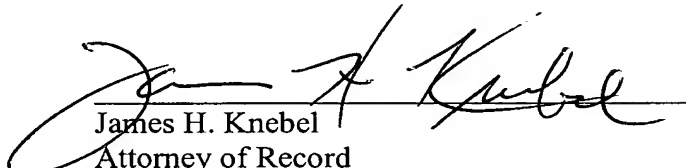
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